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Amendments to Claims:

1. (Canceled).

2. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the pair of opposing panels includes a first portion of a tube wall substantially opposing a second portion of the tube wall.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the first handle further comprises a patch attached to the stack of panels and the one of a cut and a series of perforations extends through the patch.

5. (Currently amended) A sealed, multi-handled bag for packaging loose materials comprising:

A non-resealable sealed substantially tubular shaped body without intucked sides, having a first end and a second end, the second end being substantially opposite the first end in a longitudinal direction of the non-resealable sealed body, the body including no more than two~~pair of~~ opposing panels defining a storage cavity therebetween, the opposing panels being directly attached to each other at the first end to form a non-resealable first seam and at the second end to form a non-resealable second seam, wherein the seams are formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire body end such that the body is non-resealable, and each panel has a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils;

a first flap formed from first portions of the opposing panels extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the first seam at the first end;

a first handle formed in the first flap; and

a second handle attached to the second end;

wherein the first flap includes a stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels, the first handle is formed by one of a cut and series of perforations

formed through the stack, and the stack of panels includes a double stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels folded over along a fold line transverse to the longitudinal direction and attached to themselves;

and a first tear seam formed at the first end.

6. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the second handle includes a rigid handle attached to the second end.

7. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 6, wherein the rigid handle includes an injection-molded plastic handle.

8. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, further comprising loose materials stored within the storage cavity.

9. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 8, wherein the loose materials include salt.

10. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 9, wherein the loose materials are selected from the group consisting of fertilizer, cement, granular chemicals, pet food, and landscaping materials.

11. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the sealed multi-handled bag further comprises a second flap formed from portions of the opposing panels extending beyond the second seam at the second end.

12. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 11, wherein the second handle is formed in the second flap.

13. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the opposing panels include one or more layers of plastic material.

14. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 13, wherein the plastic material includes a polyolefin material.

15. (Currently amended) A sealed, multi-handled bag for packaging loose materials comprising:

a non-resealable sealed substantially tubular shaped body ~~having outwardly protruding sides~~ having a first end and a second end, the second end being substantially opposite the first end in a longitudinal direction of the body, the body including ~~no more than two~~ pair of opposing panels defining a storage cavity therebetween, the opposing panels being directly attached to each other at the first end to form a non-resealable first seam and at the second end to form a non-resealable second seam, and each panel has a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils;

a first flap formed from first portions of the opposing panels extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the first seam at the first end;

a first handle formed in the first flap; and

a second handle attached to the second end;

wherein the first flap includes a stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels, the first handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the stack, and the stack of panels includes a double stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels folded over along a fold line transverse to the longitudinal direction and attached to themselves;

and a first tear seam formed at the first end.

16. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim ~~58~~5, further comprising a second tear seam at the second end.

17. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim ~~58~~5, further comprising a plurality of tear seams.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the first handle includes:

~~— a sheet having one or more layers; and~~

is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the a first and second plastic sheet wherein the plastic sheets each have one or more layers, sheet to form a grip.

20. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 19, wherein the first handle further comprises a patch attached to the a first or second plastic sheet and the one of a cut and a series of perforations extends through the patch.

21. (canceled)

22. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the first-second handle includes a rigid handle.

23. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 22, wherein the rigid handle includes an injection-molded plastic handle.

24. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the loose materials include salt.

25. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the loose materials are selected from the group consisting of fertilizer, cement, granular chemicals, pet food, and landscaping materials.

26. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the first and second handles are formed from the first and second sheets.

27. (Previously presented) The sealed multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the first and second sheets include one or more layers of plastic material.

28. (Original) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 27, wherein the plastic material includes a polyolefin material.

29. (Currently amended) A sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag comprising:

a sealed substantially tubular shaped body ~~without intucked sides~~ having a first end and a second end, the second end being substantially opposite the first end in a longitudinal direction of the body, the body including no more than two plastic sheets wherein a first plastic sheet spaced apart from a second plastic sheet to form a storage cavity, the plastic sheets being directly sealed to each other at the first and second ends to form non-resealable seals at the first and second ends, the sealed body being non-resealable, wherein the seals are formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire body end such that the body is non-resealable, and each sheet has a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils;

loose materials stored within the storage cavity;

a first flap formed from first portions of the plastic sheets extending in the longitudinal direction beyond the first seam at the first end;

a first handle attached to the first end; and

a second handle attached to the second end;

wherein the first flap includes a stack of panels formed from the first portions of the plastic sheets, the first handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the stack, and the stack of panels includes a double stack of panels formed from the first portions of the plastic sheets folded over along a fold line transverse to the longitudinal directions and attached to themselves;

and a first tear seam formed at the first end.

30. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim ~~62~~29, further comprising a second tear seam at the second end.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently amended) A sealed, multi-handled salt bag comprising:

~~a plastic tube having outwardly protruding sides and made up of no more than two~~ having opposing portions of the tube which are heat-sealed directly to each other to form a non-resealable first seal at a first end and a non-resealable second seal at a second end substantially opposite to the first end in a longitudinal direction of the tube ~~to form a non-resealable sealed bag, wherein the seals are formed with heat seal bonds or permanent adhesive bonds extending substantially along the entire tube end such that the tube is non-resealable, and the opposing portions have a thickness of about 3 to 12 mils;~~

salt contained within a cavity of the sealed bag;

a first flap formed from first portions of the opposing tube portions longitudinally extending beyond the first seal;

a first handle formed in the first flap;

a second flap formed from portions of the opposing tube portions longitudinally extending beyond the second seal; and

a second handle formed in the second flap;

wherein the first flap includes a stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels, the first handle is formed by one of a cut and a series of perforations formed through the stack, and the stack of panels includes a double stack of panels formed from the first portions of the opposing panels folded over along a fold line transverse to the longitudinal direction and are attached to themselves.

Claims 33-41. (Canceled).

42. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the pair of opposing panels includes a first portion of a tube wall substantially opposing a second portion of the tube wall.

43. (Canceled).

44. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the first handle further comprises a patch attached to the stack of panels and the one of a cut and a series of perforations extends through the patch.

45. (Canceled).

46. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the second handle includes a rigid handle attached to the second end.

47. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 46, wherein the rigid handle includes an injection-molded plastic handle.

48. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, further comprising loose materials stored within the storage cavity.

49. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 48, wherein the loose materials include salt.

50. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 49, wherein the loose materials are selected from the group consisting of fertilizer, cement, granular chemicals, pet food, and landscaping materials.

51. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the sealed, multi-handled bag further comprises a second flap formed from portions of the opposing panels extending beyond the second seam at the second end.

52. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 51, wherein the second handle is formed in the second flap.

53. (Previously presented) the sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the opposing panels include one or more layers of plastic material.

54. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 53, wherein the plastic material includes a polyolefin material.

55. (Canceled)

56. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5515, further comprising a second tear seam at the second end.

57. (Currently amended) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 515, further comprising a plurality of tear seams.

58. (Canceled)

59. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 5, wherein the first seam at the first end extends across a width of the body in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

60. (Canceled)

61. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled bag of claim 15, wherein the first seam at the first end extends across a width of the body in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

62. (Canceled)

63. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled loose-materials bag of claim 29, wherein the first seam at the first end extends across a width of the body in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.

64. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled salt bag of claim 32, further comprising a first tear seam formed in the body at the first end.

65. (Previously presented) The sealed, multi-handled salt bag of claim 32, wherein the first seam at the first end extends across a width of the body in a direction substantially perpendicular to the longitudinal direction.